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1. GOP CONTROLLED DAILY PAKISTAN TIMES REPORTED THAT ON JULY 19 THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE CIVIL AVIATION LAW DESIGNED TO PREVENT PRICE UNDERCUTTING BY FOREIGN AIRLINES. PERSONS ENGAGED IN UNDERCUTTING WILL NOW BE PUNISHABLE WITH A FINE OF RS. 100,000 (DOLS10,000) OR IMPRISONMENT UP TO SIX MONTHS, OR BOTH. IN DEFENDING THE AMENDMENT BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY THE GOP MINISTER SAID PIA HAD SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL BECAUSE OF UNDERCUTTING PRACTICES AT FAR BELOW IATA RATES. THE FOREIGN AIRLINES INDULGING IN THE MALPRACTICE HAD IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES SEVERE PENALTIES AGAINST OTHER AIRLINES DOING THIS. THE SMALL FINE PRESCRIBED UNDER THE EXISTING CIVIL AVIATION LAW WAS NOT ENOUGH OF A DETERRENT. ACCORDING TO THE NEWS ARTICLE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS PASSED WITHOUT ANY OPPOSITION.

2. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT AMCON PESHAWAR REPORTS THAT PIA SERVICE BETWEEN PESHAWAR AND KABUL HAS BEEN RESTORED ON A ONCE A WEEK BASIS WITH FLIGHT LEAVING PESHAWAR EVERY
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FRIDAY AT 1120 AND RETURNING FROM KABUL AT 1220 (KABUL

TIME). THE FLIGHTS EACH WAY WILL ONLY CARRY A TOTAL OF FIVE RPT. FIVE PASSENGERS.

3. COMMENT: THE AMENDMENT PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED TO THE ARIANA/PIA DISPUTE. AS REGARDS THE PASSENGER LIMITATION ON THE KABUL/PESHAWAR FLIGHTS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGERS NOW ALLOWED TO BE CARRIED (TWENTY PER MONTH EACH WAY) CORRESPONDS EXACTLY TO THE LIMITATION IMPOSED BY THE GOP ON ARIANA SERVICE TO LAHORE. BYROADE

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